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HEALTH PLANNING.
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1. DREPA DIRECTOR DR. CUNHA OLIVEIRA AND REGIONAL SECRETARY
FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS DR. MESQUITA CONCUR WITH PROPOSED
TEAM OF GEORGE COLEMAN AND ROGER ROSENBLATT FOR AZORES
REGIONAL HEALTH PLANNING. BOTH DREPA AND DR. MESQUITA ARE
ANXIOUS TO GET STUDY UNDERWAY. THEY WERE ANNOYED THAT
TEAM WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY AND PROPOSED
MARCH 1, 1978 FOR INITIATION OF SERVICES. DREPA HAS
CONSIDERABLE WORKLOAD FOR 1978 AND WOULD LIKE ABOVE PROPOSED
INITIATION DATE TO BE CONSIDERED.

2. PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE CAPABILITY FOR ROSENBLATT IS NOT
REQUIRED, SINCE COLEMAN SPEAKS FLUENT PORTUGUESE.
TEAM CAN ALSO BE ASSISTED BY DREPA'S TRANSLATION DEPARTMENT
WHEN NEEDED.

3. DREPA WANTS ONE OF ITS STAFF MEMBERS, DR. MARIA DA
CONCEICAO AVILA, A SOCIOLOGIST, TO WORK WITH PROPOSED
TEAM. DR. AVILA SPEAKS ENGLISH, WORKED FOR TWO YEARS WITH
SAAL (SERVICOS DE APOIO AS AUTARQUIAS LOCAIS), AND HAS BEEN WITH DREP
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FOR ONE YEAR WORKING ON REGIONAL SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND HEALTH.
SHE HAS A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE REGIONAL SECRETARIAT OF
SOCIAL AFFAIRS. DREPA'S MAIN CONCERN IS THAT SHE ACQUIRE
METHODOLOGY AND KNOW-HOW IN ORDER TO FOLLOW-UP TEAM'S WORK
WHEN COMPLETED.

4. DREPA WILL PROVIDE OFFICE FACILITIES AND SUPPLIES, SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE, TRANSLATION SERVICES, DATA COLLECTION, LAND TRANSPORTATION, ETC.

5. IN THE EVENT THAT THE STUDY IS INITIATED OR COMPLETED OUTSIDE THE AZORES, OR IF PROPOSED TEAM SEES CONVENIENCE, DREPA WISHES DR. AVILA TO JOIN TEAM AT THAT STAGE. DR CUNHA OLIVEIRA STRESSED THAT DR. AVILA WOULD EXECUTE AND FOLLOW UP WORK BY PROPOSED TEAM IN AZORES.

6. DR. AVILA IS PRESENTLY WORKING ON THE UPDATED VERSION OF THE PUBLICATION "STUDY ON THE HEALTH STRUCTURES OF THE AZOREAN ARCHIPELAGO, 1976", WHICH WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO USAID/LISBON RECENTLY. DREPA CONSIDERS UPDATED VERSION TO BE OF BASIC INTEREST FOR THE STUDY, AND EXPECTS ITS COMPLETION BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF PROPOSED TEAM.

7. DR. MARIO LIMA, REGIONAL HEALTH DIRECTOR, AND DR. LOPES DA NAVE, A SOCIOLOGIST FROM THE CENTRAL HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING DEPARTMENT NOW RESIDING IN THE AZORES, WILL BE AVAILABLE TO WORK WITH TEAM. DR. MESQUITA WISHES DRS. LIMA AND NAVE TO ASSIST PROPOSED TAM AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

8. DR. CUNHA OLIVEIRA REQUESTED THAT AID/W PROVIDE HIS OFFICE WITH THE SCOPE OF WORK PROPOSED BY TEAM AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY, BY CABLE IF POSSIBLE.
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